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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Clinics and Maternal Health Centers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Procedure Codes Q9985 and Q9986 Replacing Procedure Code J1725

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2017

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided guidance in the July 1, 2017, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) quarterly update that HCPCS Level II procedure code J1725 (Injection, hydroxyprogesterone caproate, 1 mg) was being inactivated for Medicare reporting. The procedure code is being replaced with HCPCS procedure codes Q9985 (Injection, hydroxyprogesterone caproate, not otherwise specified, 10 Mg) and Q9986 (Injection, hydroxyprogesterone caproate (Makena), 10mg).

While procedure code J1725 remains a valid procedure code, the IME has determined to more closely align with Medicare coding and billing protocols. The IME has decided to follow Medicare's coding for this drug. As such, effective July 1, 2017, procedure code J1725 is no longer valid for the Iowa Medicaid FFS and Managed Care programs. HCPCS codes Q9985 or Q9986 should be billed for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017.

Providers who have already submitted claims billing procedure code J1725, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017, will need to resubmit those claims billing procedure code Q9985 or Q9986 for those dates.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.